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## Provisional Agenda

### Supplementary item for inclusion in the provisional agenda

1. On 24 August 2023, the Secretariat received a letter from Ambassador Hamad Alkaabi of the United Arab Emirates, Chairman of the Council of Arab Ambassadors, on behalf of the Arab States that are members of the IAEA forwarding a request from the Arab States members of the IAEA to include the item entitled “Status of Palestine in the International Atomic Energy Agency” in the agenda of the 67th (2023) regular session of the General Conference.
2. Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference<sup>1</sup>, this item is hereby placed on a supplementary list which will be circulated not later than 5 September 2023. The letter and the accompanying explanatory note relating to the inclusion of this item are attached hereto.
3. It is suggested, for consideration by the General Committee, that in the provisional agenda this item follow the item circulated in document GC(67)/1/Add.1 and be discussed in the Plenary. The subsequent items, including the items contained in GC(67)/1/Add.2, Add.3 and Add.4, are renumbered accordingly.

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<sup>1</sup> Rules 13 and 20, GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1.

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HE Rafael Mariano Grossi  
IAEA Director General

Sir,

On behalf of the Arab States that are members of the International Atomic Energy Agency: the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Kingdom of Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, the Republic of Tunisia, the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Republic of the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Republic of Iraq, the Sultanate of Oman, the State of Qatar, the State of Kuwait, the Lebanese Republic, the State of Libya, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, the Republic of Yemen, and the State of Palestine (observer),

I have the honour to forward to you the request from the Arab States listed above to kindly include the item 'Status of Palestine in the IAEA' in the agenda of the 67th (2023) session of the IAEA General Conference.

I also have the honour to enclose the explanatory memorandum relating to the request for inclusion of the above-mentioned item.

We hope you will be so kind as to take the necessary steps in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

(signed)

Ambassador Hamad Alkaabi  
Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates  
Chairman, Council of Arab Ambassadors

Encl.: Explanatory memorandum

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## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM ON THE STATUS OF PALESTINE IN THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY**

1. Palestine has been participating in the work of the Agency as an observer pursuant to resolution GC(XX)/RES/334 adopted by the Agency's General Conference on 23 September 1976.
2. The State of Palestine is a full member of the League of Arab States, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the Non-Aligned Movement, and the Group of 77 and China.
3. On 7 July 1998, the United Nations General Assembly adopted its resolution A/RES/52/250 concerning the granting to Palestine of certain additional privileges and rights relating to its participation in the work of the United Nations.
4. The General Conference of the IAEA adopted resolution GC(42)/RES/20 which granted Palestine in its capacity as observer, additional rights and privileges.
5. On November 29, 2012 the UN-General Assembly adopted resolution 67/19, which accorded the State of Palestine a Non-Member Observer State Status in the UN.
6. The Designation State of Palestine is used in all documents of the United Nations and on nameplates to be used in United Nations meetings.
7. In keeping with the resolution adopted by the UN General Assembly concerning the admittance of the State of Palestine as a Non-Member Observer State, it is necessary for the IAEA General Conference to adopt a resolution to apply the substance of the General Assembly's resolution to the Status of Palestine within the IAEA.